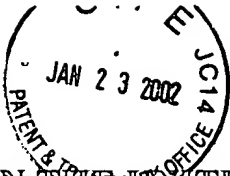


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

The following amended clean claim c is rewritten in Annexure 1, attached hereto, showing the amendments to the claim:

C' Sub 027 1. (Thrice Amended) A gaming machine for use by a player, the gaming machine comprising: